County of Orange Social Services Agency
Family Self-Sufficiency & Adult Services Division

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PURPOSE

To provide Adult Protective Services (APS) staff information regarding multidisciplinary team (MDT) regulations.

POLICY

APS establishes multidisciplinary personnel teams, whose purpose is to:

- Develop interagency treatment strategies
- Ensure maximum coordination with community resources
- Ensure maximum access on behalf of elders and dependent adults
- Avoid duplication of efforts

The purpose of MDTs is to coordinate case planning and services for high-risk elders and dependent adults. MDTs develop shared strategies, connect clients to services, reduce barriers and duplication, and ensure efficient, consistent, client-centered, trauma-informed care.

DEFINITIONS

Refer to the Adult Protective Services (APS) Glossary.

BOOKMARKS

- Multidisciplinary Personnel Team Members
- Confidentiality
- References

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM MEMBERS

Teams of two (2) or more staff trained in the prevention, identification, and treatment of abuse of elderly or dependent persons, and who are qualified to provide a broad range of services related to abuse of elderly or dependent people. A multidisciplinary personnel team may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Psychiatrists, psychologists, or other trained counseling personnel
- Police officers or other law enforcement agents
- Legal counsel for the older adult
- Medical personnel with sufficient training to provide health services
- Social workers with experience or training in prevention of abuse of elderly or dependent persons
- Veteran service providers and counselors

- Domestic violence victim service organizations
- Public guardians
- Health practitioners*
- Long-term care ombudsman
- Child welfare services personnel
- Representative of a health plan
- Housing representatives
- County counsel
- Finance or accounting experts

***Health Practitioner**
Refers to any of the following individuals:

- Physicians and surgeons
- Psychiatrists and psychologists
- Dentists, dental hygienists, and dental residents/interns
- Podiatrists and chiropractors
- Registered nurses
- Licensed clinical social workers (LCSWs) and associate clinical social workers
- Marriage and family therapists (MFTs), including trainees and interns
- Licensed professional clinical counselors (LPCCs), including trainees and interns
- Emergency medical personnel, including EMTs, paramedics, and other certified emergency care providers
- Psychological assistants
- State or county public health or social services employees who provide care or treatment to an elder or dependent adult
- Coroners
- Substance use disorder counselors working in programs licensed, certified, or funded by the State

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CONFIDENTIALITY Confidential social services records can be shared among members of a multidisciplinary team. The information must be relevant to the prevention, identification, management, or treatment of elder or dependent adult abuse. Discussions within MDT meetings are confidential and generally cannot be used as testimony in court. Individuals who receive the information are bound by the same confidentiality requirements as the original holder of the information.

REFERENCES Adult Protective Services Program Manual of Policies and Procedures

- 33-130(m)(3)
- 33-605.1

All County Letter (ACL) 99-53 Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act Adult Protective Services (APS)

Welfare and Institution Codes

- 9460
- 10553
- 10554
- 15610.55
- 15633
- 15760
- 15673
- 10850
- 10850.1
